



# Arkansas Pecan Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2008 October Pecan Survey**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

## Pecan Utilized Production, Forecast Down in Arkansas

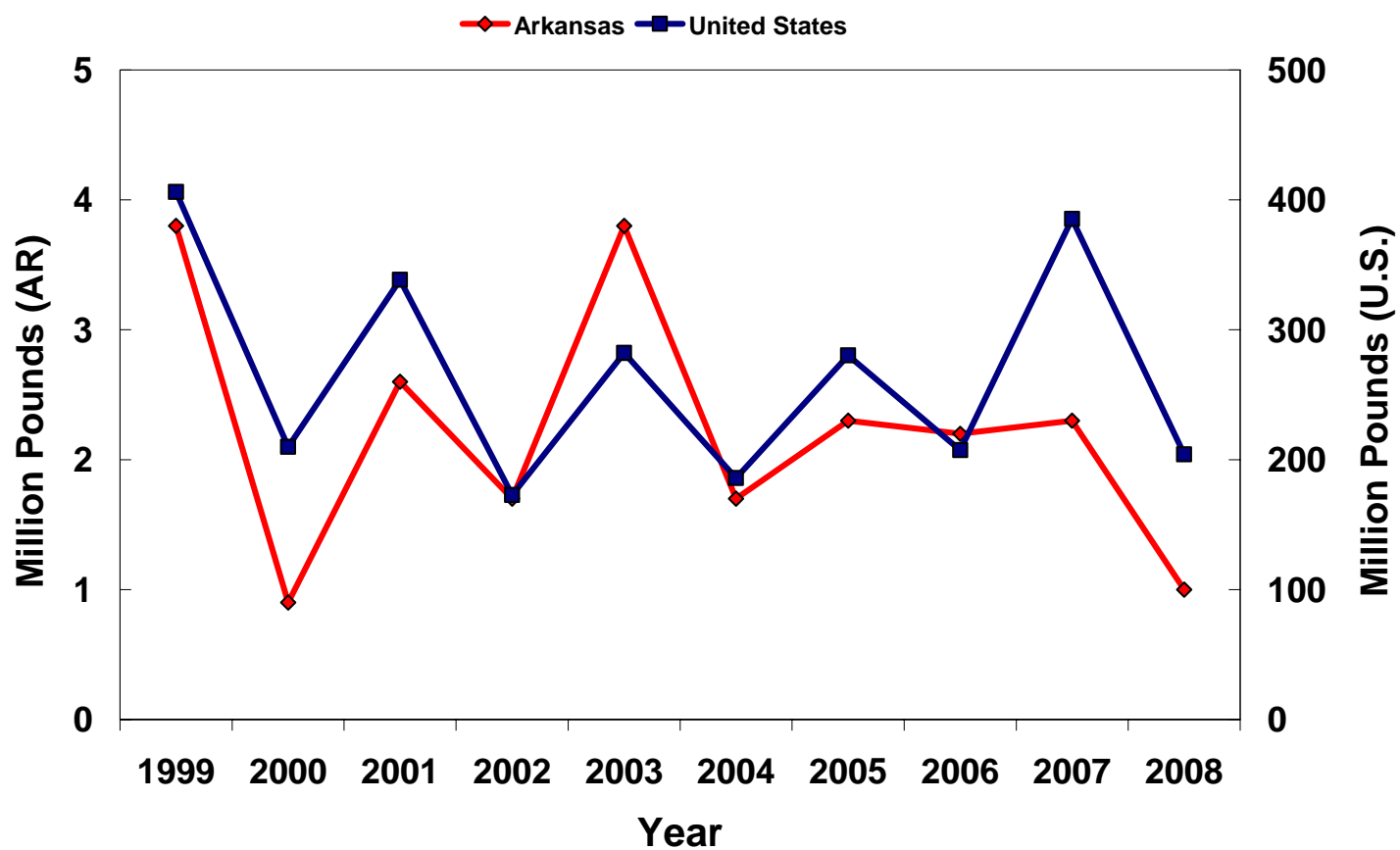
**Arkansas Pecans:** Pecan production in Arkansas as of October 1, 2008, is forecast at 1.0 million pounds, down 57 percent from the 2007 production of 2.3 million pounds and down 55 percent from 2006. Improved pecan varieties are expected to account for 55 percent of the 2008 production, while the remaining 45 percent produced are forecasted from native and seedling varieties. The hurricane Gustav and Ike aftermath had a profound effect on pecan production in Arkansas this year.

**U.S. Pecans:** The October 1, 2008, United States forecast of pecan utilized production is 204 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 47 percent from last year's crop and 2 percent below 2006. Improved varieties are expected to produce 171 million pounds or 84 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 32.8 million pounds, make up the remaining 16 percent. The 2008 crop is expected to be smaller than last year's in most producing states mainly because it is an off year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. However, production is forecast higher than last year in Kansas and Missouri because trees have recovered from the severe Easter 2007 freeze, while North Carolina and South Carolina weather conditions have been much more favorable than last season.

### Pecans: Utilized Production by State and United States, 2006-2007 and Forecasted October 1, 2008

State	Utilized Production			% Change from '07
	2006	2007	2008	
	1,000 Pounds			
Alabama	6,000	10,000	8,000	- 20
Arizona	14,000	23,000	15,500	- 33
<b>Arkansas</b>	2,200	2,300	1,000	- 57
California	3,400	4,400	4,000	- 9
Florida	500	1,900	1,700	- 11
Georgia	42,000	150,000	70,000	- 53
Kansas	2,000	500	1,500	+ 200
Louisiana	21,000	14,000	7,000	- 50
Mississippi	2,500	3,000	1,300	- 57
Missouri	1,100	5	960	+ 19,100
New Mexico	47,000	74,000	45,000	- 39
North Carolina	500	200	600	+ 200
Oklahoma	17,000	30,000	13,000	- 57
South Carolina	1,100	2,000	2,500	+ 25
Texas	47,000	70,000	32,000	- 54
United States	207,300	385,305	204,060	- 47

## Pecan Production, All Varieties, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2008 as of October 1, 2008.